

## Senate Resolution 4 - Introduced

### SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 4

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1 A Resolution congratulating the Republic of China  
2 (Taiwan) on its inclusion in the United States Visa  
3 Waiver Program; supporting Taiwan's efforts to  
4 secure entry into the Trans-Pacific Partnership; and  
5 reaffirming support for Taiwan's participation in  
6 the International Civil Aviation Organization, and  
7 for strengthening sister-state ties between Iowa and  
8 Taiwan.

9 WHEREAS, the Republic of China (Taiwan), marking  
10 its centennial in 2011 and entering into its second  
11 century in 2012 as the world's 19th-largest economy,  
12 has achieved economic and social stability, has been  
13 lauded in the last two decades as a beacon of democracy  
14 for Asia, has dramatically improved its record on human  
15 rights, and has taken great steps forward to enter the  
16 world arena as a trusted partner; and

17 WHEREAS, Taiwan gained membership in the United  
18 States Visa Waiver Program, and is the 37th country  
19 to receive visa-free travel privileges to the United  
20 States and only the 5th Asian country with visa-free  
21 status, behind Japan, South Korea, Singapore, and  
22 Brunei; and as a result, more Taiwanese will travel to  
23 the United States for business and tourism, increasing  
24 the spending of tourist dollars and facilitating  
25 business, trade, and investment in the United States,  
26 thus contributing to the national and local economies  
27 and strengthening bilateral ties with the individual  
28 states, including Iowa; and

1 WHEREAS, Taiwan in 2011 ranks as the United States'  
2 10th-largest trading partner in the world, serving as  
3 the United States' 15th-largest export market overall,  
4 and the 6th-largest market for U.S. agricultural goods,  
5 as well as the 14th-largest market for Iowa goods,  
6 worth \$125.1 million in 2011, an increase of 18 percent  
7 above Iowa's exports to Taiwan in 2010; and

8 WHEREAS, Taiwan's imports of goods continue to  
9 contribute to Iowa's economy since the September 2011  
10 visit of the Taiwan Agricultural Goodwill Mission to  
11 the United States, which included a delegation visit  
12 to Des Moines and signing of Letters of Intent for  
13 Iowa-grown corn and soybeans through 2013; and

14 WHEREAS, Taiwan, seeking greater regional  
15 integration in the Asia-Pacific region and promotion  
16 of bilateral investment and trade relations with the  
17 United States, welcomes the opportunity presented  
18 by the United States' announcement at the 2011  
19 Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation leaders meeting  
20 of the United States' intent to not only join the  
21 Trans-Pacific Partnership, the proposed 21st-century  
22 trade agreement between the United States and eight  
23 other Asia-Pacific Rim countries, but to expand the  
24 membership in the future to include other countries,  
25 such as Taiwan; and

26 WHEREAS, aviation safety has become a major global  
27 concern since 2001, and even though Taiwan is a key  
28 air transport hub in the Asia-Pacific region, with  
29 more than one million flights passing through the  
30 Taipei Flight Information Region, and with one of

1 the world's largest airport cargo volumes passing  
2 through the Taoyuan International Airport, yet Taiwan  
3 is not a member of the International Civil Aviation  
4 Organization; NOW THEREFORE,

5 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, That the Senate  
6 congratulates the Republic of China (Taiwan) on gaining  
7 inclusion in the United States Visa Waiver Program;  
8 supports Taiwan's efforts to secure entry into the  
9 Trans-Pacific Partnership, along with the United States  
10 and other friendly Asia-Pacific Rim countries, and  
11 to promote bilateral investment and trade relations  
12 with the United States; reaffirms its support for the  
13 participation of Taiwan in the International Civil  
14 Aviation Organization; and supports strengthening  
15 Taiwan-Iowa sister-state relations, friendship, and  
16 exchanges; and

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Secretary of  
18 the Senate is hereby directed to send a copy of this  
19 Resolution to United States Secretary of State John  
20 Kerry; Secretary General Raymond Benjamin of the  
21 International Civil Aviation Organization; President  
22 Ma Ying-jeou of the Republic of China (Taiwan); and  
23 the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Chicago,  
24 Illinois.